

DEAR FCC,

I sent the following hardcopy letter to your complaints address by US Mail weeks ago, I guess nothing ever happened with it, because the show I was adamantly complaining about aired Sunday 3/20/05.

It was just as disgusting as I expected, and truly sad how television cameras are following around reality messed up people and exploiting them.

Please read my letter of March 4, 2004, and let me know how such a broadcast was allowed to air:

March 4, 2005

FCC
Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: A&E Channel - Show "Intervention"

Dear FCC:

I am writing to adamantly complain about a new show that the Arts & Entertainment Channel (A&E) has been advertising recently. It's first broadcast was Sunday 3/6/05.

The name of the show is: "Intervention" - It seems as though this show may be being touted as a new series(?).

In the commercial I have seen for this show, they speak of people addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, and attempting to intervene with rehabilitation services.

In their television commercial, they are referring to, and showing, a person they call "The Cutter".

They are showing "the cutter" covered with blood and crying in commercials.

I am having a real problem with a commercial describing a person who is self inflicting wounds, and showing her bleeding all over the place frantically.

I can not say for sure that I've seen these commercials before 10:00pm, but even after 10:00pm I have children watching television (ages: 10, 13, 14). I do not want my children seeing that commercial, or a television show with such a disgusting thing in it.

I, as an adult, do not want to see that kind of show on television!

Personally, I feel someone sitting in person's room with a video

camera, waiting for them to cut themselves - and then taping it, should be put in jail for not looking out for the welfare of that person!

To actually video tape such a situation and broadcast it on television is really very sick!

It might be reasonable to discuss such the problem in some form for educational purposes, but to show this process as it is happening is absolutely unacceptable!

To further comment on the actual content of this program(ming):

It is my understanding (from research) that "cutting" is an extremely secretive problem. The young woman being shown on the commercial (and in great detail on a show?), has covered herself with her own blood and is screaming and crying. A true "cutter" doesn't normally make a huge mess, they don't want to be found out.

I don't feel it to be an accurate depiction of the problem as it exists, and for that reason is a VERY irresponsible broadcast.

I imagine the majority of society has no idea about such a problem. I would hate to see most of societies first exposure to such an issue done in such context.

Young kids/teens who may have never even heard of such a thing, may end up trying it themselves!

This is to me beyond obscene, and I am asking the FCC to stop this particular programming from airing on television!

Thank you so much for your attention.

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